IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dimpsey et al. Group Art Unit: 2185

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For: Method and Apparatus for Hardware Assistance for Prefetching a Pointer to a Data Structure Identified by a Prefetch

Indicator

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A fee of \$790.00 is required to file a Request for Continued Examination. No additional fees are believed to be required. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Preliminary to the continued examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.